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1. Iosif (Joseph) Moiseyevich Zagkheim (Zakheim), Soviet citizen of Jewish origin, is publisher of the Epoch Publishing Company. He was born on 5 March 1898 at Drodno. He holds Soviet "Sojourn Certificate" number 3982 issued in Harbin. Zagkheim lived in Harbin from 1917 until 1935. During this time he worked for the newspapers Novosti Zhizni and Novosti Vostoka.
2. In Shanghai Zagkheim was connected successively with the following organizations: China Daily Herald, Soviet daily financed by TASS; the Union Steamship Agency, owned by M. I. Soulevich, Soviet citizen; the New World Daily, financed through TASS; and the magazine Rodina, organ of the "Repatriation Union." In 1940 he was aided by TASS in publishing an illustrated magazine, the Epokha, in Russian, Chinese, and English. The Epokha was reorganized in 1942 and became the Epoch Publishing Company, with Zagkheim as manager and joint proprietor. The other proprietors were I. I. Grinets, N. I. Shvetsov, and V. N. Rogov, director of TASS.
3. Although officially the Epoch Publishing Company is owned by Zagkheim, it is controlled by TASS and is closely connected with VOKS, for which it publishes various booklets and translations from the Russian into the Chinese language. Chinese bookstores in Shanghai which are patronized by students are supplied with large quantities of different propaganda literature published by Zagkheim. Both the office of the Epoch Publishing Company at 60 Love Lane and the Epokha Bookstore at 105 Love Lane are known as rendezvous for Chinese intellectuals and students with pro-Communist leanings.
4. Mrs. Nadezhda Zagkheim, Soviet citizen of Jewish origin, is the secretary of the Epoch Publishing Company. She was born in 1905 in the village of Soshki and holds Soviet "Sojourn Certificate" number 75883, issued on 15 October 1935. During the Japanese occupation of Shanghai, she maintained connections with the Censorship Office and, being an attractive woman with a pleasant personality, she kept good relations with all useful persons. She is known as a clever worker and a trusted Soviet employee. She and her husband, publisher of the Epoch Publishing Company, live at 313/103 Route Vallon, telephone 76202.
5. Ivan Ivanovich Druri (Drouri, Drurri), Soviet citizen, is employed as accountant and controller at the Epoch Publishing Company. He was born on 7 October 1884 in Leningrad, of French ancestry, and is a railway engineer by profession. He holds Soviet "Sojourn Certificate" number 075838, issued

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on 4 July 1935 in Shanghai. He held an important post in the head office of the Chinese Eastern Railway in Harbin, prior to his arrival in Shanghai from Harbin in May 1931 (previously reported as 1936). For a period in Shanghai, Druri was the chairman of the Soviet Citizens' Club at 805 Avenue Foch. In 1937 Druri was slightly wounded when a bomb was thrown into his apartment at 343 Avenue du Roi Albert, King Albert Apartments, by an unknown person believed to be a White Russian terrorist. In addition to his position with the Epoch Publishing Company, Druri is employed as a local technical consultant and adviser to Torgpredstvo, 1288 Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai. He is considered an important and trusted Soviet employee. He is married to Mrs. Y. Druri, TASS employee.

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